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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kazuhide MIZUTANI et al.

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For: REFRIGERANT PIPE WASHING

METHOD, AIR CONDTIONER UPDATING METHOD, AND AIR CONDITIONER (As Amended)

<u>PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</u>

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows.

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 7 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the <u>Listing of Claims</u>, which begins on page 9 of this paper. Claims 1-10 are pending, with claim 1, 5 and 7 being the only independent claims.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include two (2) attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.